The Kings Majesties

MESSAGE

To the Inhabitants of the City of *Winchester*, concerning the late Battaile.

Also their Answer to the aforesaid Message.

Likewise a true relation of a famous Victory obtained by the Inhabitants of *Manchester*, against the Lord *Strange* forcing him to fly to *Westchester*, where they have besiedged him, and all his Forces, they having kil'd above a thousand of his men. *Decemb.* 13.

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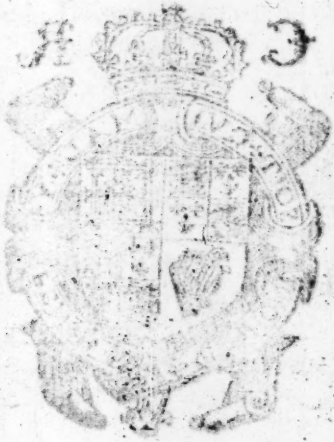

The Kings Message

to the Inhabitants of

WINCHESTER.

To Our Subjects of WINCHESTER, *greeting.*

WEreas WEE, in Our Princely care of you Our Subjects, gave command to Our Officers to draw to your said City with a small number of Forces, for your defence, not destruction, to the end that you might be preserved from the violence of Our, and your Enemies, not expecting but to have received an answerable

returne of your loyalties toward Us; But finding that in ſtead of friends, you have openly declared your ſelves Enemies, and evill intreated thoſe, whom you had cauſe to entertaine with all love and reſpect, flatly oppoſing Our Authority, and betraying thoſe to ruine, that were the inſtruments of Our preſervation. Therefore Wee have thought fit to declare, that Wee cannot but in Juſtice to Our owne Honour, and thoſe many worthy Gentlemen which have loſt their Lives, and Liberties in the maintenance of Our juſt Cauſe, but give way to a vindication, for the ſatisfaction of all thoſe that have beene ſo betrayed, and the recovery of Our owne Right and intereſt, which neither the Law of God or Man can deny us, nor the power of you nor your Alies keepe from us, in which aſſurance, (as you have your Allegiance) ſo will Wee throw by all reſpects, or remembrance that you were Our Subjects.

MAy it please your Majesty, Wee your loyall Subjects, have seriously considered the summe of what is contained in your Message, and having weighed our Actions in each particular, we find no just cause of your Majesties high displeasure against us, since what we have done, both the Lawes of God and Man authorize: Had Wee not had severall Presidents from *Kingston*, and many other place, which might serve as a caution for us, happily we had beene wonne to give way to our owne betraying; But seeing so many examples, wee cannot be justly blamed for endeavouring to secure our Lives, and to keepe our Wives and Daughters from rapine and inevitable destruction; As touching your Majesties sacred displeasure, we are infinitely sorry that we should be so farre ingaged by our Consciences, to disobey your command, but being as it is, we must be enforced to undergo the utmost event,

trusting onely in Gods protection, by whose power we not dispaire, but that at least your Majesty will plainely discerne the truth of all things, and we shall at length appeare your most loyall and obedient Subjects.

Exceeding true News FROM WESTCHESTER

SIR, tis not unknowne to you into what a strate we have beene driven, by reason that we could not receive any ayd from the Parliament, insomuch that we were not able to hold out any longer, and our feare made us desperate, for taking the advantage of a foggy morning we resolved to hazard all that we had left at one cast, for we fliued our upon them

them, taking them unprepared so that before they could gaine their order to make head, we had got into their workes and turned some of their Ordnance upon themselves, and almost routed their whole Army which the Lord *Strange* seeing, began to leave the workes, and to draw with his forces into a Champion field, which we seeing, and knowing that we were no way able to wage warre with him, in equall opposition strove still to keepe them from joyning in a body, but still fell upon their divided Regiments, doing great Execution, at length we cauled all our Ordnance, to be drawne up to the head of our Army, and discharged them at the Lord *Stranges* owne Regiment, hoping that by that meanes to give a period to that quarrell, and indeed so it did, for when they saw that they were so farre unable to make head, both by reason of the many men which they had lost, and their owne disorder, they presently began to flye, especially the horse, leaving the foot to the fury of the battaile,

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in the pursuit of whome neere a thousand of them were slaine, but the Lord *Strange* fled to *Westchester*, with the remainder of his forces where we have cooped him up verry handsomely, besides we have a great party in the City, which waites for an opportunity, to second us, and then we doubt not but that quickly we will take order with him, in all this service we have lost not above a hundred men, we sent out three troops of Dragooneers to disarme severall Papists which have beene assistants to the Lord *Strange*, which troopes by the assistants of other well-affected Gentlemen cleered our parts of all this Cavalero rout, this is all for the present that I can informe you so, I rest,

FINIS.